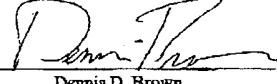


AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER Under Small Entity Status			Attorney Docket No: 00-423		
Application Serial Number: 09/909,913	Filing Date: 7/20/2001	Examiner: Drew E. Becker	Art Unit: 1761		
Invention: LIQUID INFUSION AND TENDERIZATION PROCESS, APPARATUS, AND PRODUCT					
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE
TOTAL CLAIMS	72	MINUS	91	0	\$0
INDEP. CLAIMS	5	MINUS	8	0	\$0
			TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		\$55.00
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of 12/1/2003 to and through 2/1/2004, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month (\$55.00)      <input type="checkbox"/> three months (\$0.00)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> two months (\$0.00)      <input type="checkbox"/> four months (\$0.00)</p>					
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has previously been established.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ is attached.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge \$55.00 to Deposit Account 06-0540. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0540.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required.</p>					
<p><u>1/21/04</u> Date</p> <p> Dennis D. Brown Reg. No. 33559</p>					
<p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage for first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or the correspondence is being facsimile transmitted (703/872-9306) to the USPTO, on January <u>21</u>, 2004.</p> <p><u>Carol Welch</u> Carol Welch</p>					

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